

EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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17th July 2024

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the Amenities & Leisure Committee will be held in the Council Chamber at the Council Offices, Radstock Lane, Earley on **Wednesday 24th July 2024** commencing at 7 pm.

Yours faithfully

Jo Friend

TOWN CLERK

To: Members of the Amenities & Leisure Committee

Councillors: N Brock (Chair), R Ahlawat, A Bassett, A Bradley, R Browne, R Cook, A Long, T Maher, S Matthews and B Owen

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest from Members.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

To receive any questions from members of the public attending the meeting. The Public Forum shall not exceed 15 minutes. If there are no questions, the meeting shall commence forthwith.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the Minutes of the Amenities & Leisure Committee meeting held on 22nd May 2024 and, if appropriate, to agree that they represent a true and correct record and **RESOLVE** they be signed.

5. CULVER LANE ALLOTMENTS

Members to consider a report regarding plot holders having bonfires at the allotments and to **RESOLVE** accordingly.

Appendix A

6. **MAIDEN ERLEGH LAKE AND NATURE RESERVE**

6.1 **Section 10 Reservoir Inspection**

To note that the Section 10 Reservoir Inspection was carried out on 25th June 2024. The Deputy Town Clerk and Park Ranger were in attendance. No issues of concern were raised.

6.2 **Water Bailiffs**

To note that three new volunteer water bailiffs have been recruited. The Operations Manager to provide further details at the meeting.

6.2 **Green Fair – Saturday 3rd August 2024**

To receive an update on preparations and planning for the Green Fair event on 3rd August 2024.
Appendix B

7. **COMMUNITY CENTRES**

7.1 **CENTREPOINT**

7.1.1 **Repair Café for Earley**

To receive a report on progress made on the Earley Repair Café project at Centrepoint. Members to discuss and to **RESOLVE** accordingly.
Appendix C

7.2 **RADSTOCK LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

To consider requests received for use of the Elizabeth Room at no charge. Members to agree the Council's position on this matter.
Appendix D

8. **OPERATIONS MANAGER – REPORT**

To receive a verbal update from the Operations Manager.

9. **EVENTS**

To note that the following Earley Town Council events have been organised:

- Bug Hunt at MELNR 26th July (EEG & ETC)
- Defibrillator Training for Residents – 19th August at MPCC
- Wind Turbine Tours 8th, 11th & 12th August
- Bat Walk 4th September at Bulmershe Park

Appendix E

10. **COLLINS DRIVE PLAY AREA**

To note that the project is nearing completion and the compulsory play inspection visit will take place w/c 15th July. We expect the Heras fencing to be removed on 19th July and a formal opening of the new facility is being arranged for early August. Residents and town councillors will be invited to this event, the contractor, Proludic, will also be present. The project manager for this new playground has been ETC's Senior Operations Support Officer, Jess.

11. WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL - SCHOOL STREET INITIATIVE

To note that on 12th June the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk met with Wokingham Borough Council officers and their consultants to discuss WBC's proposed School Street Initiative for Radstock Lane.

WBC confirmed the purpose of the scheme is to reduce the number of car journeys to Radstock Primary School, it is not a road safety initiative, WBC confirmed there have been no reported incidents of accidents or injury. The possible impacts on the business of the Town Council, in particular, use of Radstock Lane Community Centre and the ETC Helpshop, were discussed. Following the meeting, WBC informed the Town Clerk that they were reviewing their proposal and would be in contact with further information. ETC officers followed up on 27th June and were told that discussions were ongoing. We await further updates.

12. PUBLICATIONS

To note that the following items have been received and are available for viewing from the Council Offices:

Involve Community Services	E-newsletter 5 th July 2024
Connecting Communities in Berkshire (CCB)	E-newsletter July 2024
Friendship Alliance	E-newsletter 10 th July 2024

13. PRESS RELEASES, WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

To determine whether any of the foregoing items shall form the subject of a special press release.